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GENERAL

1. UK and France approve US proposal on Berlin currency --
US Embassy London reports that British and French officials
 have expressed their approval of the modified US plan regard-
 ing the Berlin currency problem. The British and French
 question whether the proposal can gain Soviet acceptance but
 they regard it as a good tactical move. According to US
 Representative Kaapp in Geneva, the Soviet delegate has
 flatly asserted that the 30 January interview "makes no
 difference to committee work." Kaapp expresses the view
 that the Soviet representative may have been caught without
 instructions and indicates that further clarification is being
 sought.

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2. IRAN: US reply to Shah's query concerning more military aid --
 The Iranian Ambassador in Washington has, on behalf of the
 Shah, inquired of the Department of State whether the US is
 willing to provide Iran with military assistance on the "Greek-
 Turkish model." In transmitting this information to US
 Embassy Tehran, the Department indicates that the Iranian
 Ambassador was told that no definite answer could be given
 at this time because of: (a) lack of knowledge about the
 availability of funds and equipment for meeting the enormous
 world-wide demands being made upon the US; (b) the necessity
 of waiting for Congressional authorization of foreign military
 aid; and (c) the expectation that Iran's ports and transporta-
 tion facilities will be fully occupied this year in handling the
 current arms program's shipments.

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